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THE GATHERING

Introit

The choir sing the Kontakion for the Dead
Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
Where sorrow and pain are no more;
Neither sighing but life everlasting.
Thou only art immortal,
The creator and maker of man:
And we are mortal formed of the dust of earth,
And unto earth shall we return:
For so thou didst ordain,
When thou created me saying:
"Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."
All we go down to the dust;
And weeping o'er the grave
We make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

[tr. WJ Birkbeck]

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

‘I am the resurrection and the life’, says the Lord.
‘Those who believe in me, even though they die
will live, and everyone who lives and believes in
me will never die.’

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.

Grace and mercy be with you.

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction are said; we pray with Junior Church.

Almighty God,

you judge us with infinite mercy and justice and
love everything you have made.

In your mercy

turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

God has shone in our hearts

to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in
the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels

to show that the transcendent power belongs to
God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word,
deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

Silence is kept.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and
ashes have no dominion.

All Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
All and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ.

And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Lamentations. (3.22-26, 31-33)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
For the Lord will not reject for ever.
Although he causes grief,
he will have compassion according to the abundance of his
steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 is said

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not suffer your foot to stumble; *
he who watches over you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall keep you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (4.16-5.4)

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have

taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day'.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
(6.35-40)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – *All sit*

The Creed – *All Stand*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Which may include the following:

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth.

We give you thanks:

for her love of family and her gift of friendship;
for her devotion to this nation and the nations of the Commonwealth;
for her grace, dignity and courtesy;

and for her generosity and love of life.

We praise you for:

the courage that she showed in testing times;
the depth and of her Christian faith;
and the witness she bore to it in word and deed.

We pray for our Sovereign Lord the King
and all the Royal Family,
that you might reassure them of your continuing love
and lift them from the depths of grief
into the peace and light of your presence.

Other prayers may be added.

The prayers end with the following:

**All God of mercy,
entrusting into your hands all that you have made
and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,
we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – *All stand*

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn a collection will be taken

There's a wideness in God's mercy,

Like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in his justice,

Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows

Are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings

Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader

Than the measure of man's mind;

And the heart of the Eternal

Is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow

By false limits of our own;

And we magnify his strictness

With a zeal he will not own.

**There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

[F. W. Faber]

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy
Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because through him you have given us the hope of a glorious
resurrection;
so that, although death comes to us all,
yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away; and
when our mortal flesh is laid aside
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death, rising you
restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his
blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all
other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer
you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we
owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all
who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly
blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive communion.

Communion Hymns

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun. *[John Newton]***

**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.**

[George Herbert]

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fighting within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

[Charlotte Elliott]

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury
Filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

[John Newton]

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Amen.

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen**

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 14th September 11.00am

Sunday 18th September 10.00am

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our Facebook page

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

Lizio Cassar

Melvyn Jansen

Roy Stone

Ros Clifton

Pat Kyle

Barbara Warne

Alison Griffiths

Pauline Milton

Nic

Vicky Hall

Ray Nation

We are in the process of updating the prayer list. If you would like a name to be added, please do contact the parish office.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Doreen Saville

Michael Hawthorn

David Grigg

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Margaret Boyer

Nina Mary Hunt

Victoria Beatrice Dale

Joseph Arthur Bollons

John Barnett Mowe

Graham Leslie Smith

Douglas Edmonds

May Thorley

Annie [Nancy] Dowding

Doris Maggie Franklin

Bert George Wooster

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone or email
Visitors by appointment only

Church Opening

St Hilda's is open for public worship services.

Following the teaching of 'Loving thy Neighbour' - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.

Mothers' Union Lunch - Tuesday 13th September

12.15 for 12.30pm in the Small Hall

This will be an opportunity to share memories of summer holidays.

As before, please bring your own packed lunch.

Coffee or tea will be served with a biscuit or cake.

PCC Meeting - Tuesday 13th September at 7pm

Community Lunch –Wednesday at 12 noon

Join us for the Community Lunch at midday in the Small Hall

If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie. The lunch will pause during August and return on the 7th September.

Bible Study – every Wednesday

Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

St. Hilda's Breakfast - Saturday 17th September at 9:30am

The Breakfast is postponed until Saturday 15th October

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

This month's guest speaker will be Mother Helen, on 'What has Sweden given to the world', and there will be a quiz.

Please book via the Parish Office or Ticket Tailor (link on the Church web site), so we know how many to cater for. Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

***** Memorial Books *****

We plan to send the Memorial Books to be updated at the end of September. If you wish to add the name of anyone to be remembered in our memorial book, please complete the relevant form and return it to the Parish Office no later than 18th September.

Conscious Inclusion – Saturday 24th September – 10am – 12.30pm

You are cordially invited to attend a session in church, hosted by the PCC, on the subject of “**Conscious Inclusion - if we don’t consciously include we will unconsciously exclude**”, on Saturday the 24th September between 10-12.30. It will explore why inclusion is important at St Hilda’s, followed by reflections on the impact of bias - insiders/outsideers and micro behaviours what this looks like with examples linked to aspects of our identity e.g. age, gender, race etc.

Please confirm your attendance with the parish office.

Feed My Sheep – Tuesday 27th September– 2.30 - 4pm

Meeting in the Small Hall.

The theme will be ‘Hildegard of Bingen/ Gregorian chant’.

The following months topics in Feed My Sheep will be:

Tuesday 25th Oct Pick and Mix

Tuesday 22nd Nov St Hilda

St Hilda’s News

Please send items for the Newsletter to kmroach45@gmail.com

Note that it makes the Editor's job much easier if you submit an item as a Word document rather than in the body of an e-mail.

The deadline for the November edition is Sunday 2nd of October.

Ambling through Acts course –Thursday 2nd October

(7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)

Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end.

We finish by saying Compline (Night Prayer) together round about 9pm. I

hope to see you there. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

Saturday 15th October from 2pm

Come and “Meet the Beat” with your local PCs and PCSOs .
There will be leaflets on Anti-Social Behaviour and Scams and Fraud.
Please feel free to ask questions: they will answer as many as possible.

Eco Church Volunteers Needed

The Church of England is seeking to reach “net zero” carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by the General Synod in 2020 and we at St Hilda’s are looking closely at how we can help in moving towards this and become an Eco church. We are planning to set up a small group to investigate how we can improve our eco credentials and encourage us all on the journey. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Carolyn.

We need YOU!

Food Bank Donations

Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey – Date TBC

A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 5th-14th March 2024

10 days based in Jerusalem and Galilee
With Father Steve Gayle and Father Joseph Fernandes.
See literature at the back of church for more details.

New parish administrator

We are delighted to welcome Laura Goodman as the new parish administrator. She starts on the 12th September and we will confirm her hours of work soon.

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